

75 adopted March 25, 1999, appointed the following Senators to serve as members of the Senate National Security Working Group: Senators Byrd (Minority Administrative Co-Chairman), Levin (Minority Co-Chairman), Biden (Minority Co-Chairman), Kennedy, Kerrey, Moynihan, Sarbanes, Kerry, and Durbin.

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President's Export Council: The Chair, pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 12131, appointed the following Members of the Senate to the President's Export Council: Senators Burns, Ashcroft, Enzi, Baucus, and Johnson.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert J. Einhorn, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Non-proliferation).

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:21 p.m., until 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, April 14, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3663.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Energy, in behalf of funds for their respective activities, after receiving testimony from Martha Krebs, Director, Office of Science, Dan W. Reicher, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and William D. Magwood, IV, Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, all of the Department of Energy.

DEATHS FROM PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY RESTRAINTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine deaths caused from restraints used in psychiatric facilities, and proposed legislation to extend existing nursing home standards on the use of restraints on mental health patients and add a reporting requirement for deaths and serious injuries, after receiving testimony from Senators Lieberman and Dodd; Wanda K. Mohr, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, on behalf of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and Joseph A. Rogers, Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Mental Health Association, both of Philadelphia; Dennis O'Leary, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois; Thomas R. Harmon, New York State Commission on Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled, Albany; and Catherine "Jean" Allen, Greensboro, North Carolina.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the military strategy and operational requirements of the unified commands and future years defense program, and issues regarding the current situation in Kosovo, after receiving testimony from Gen. Anthony C. Zinni, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Central Command; Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Southern Command; and Adm. Charles S. Abbot, USN, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, U.S. European Command.

SUBMARINE WARFARE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower concluded open and closed hearings on submarine warfare in the 21st Century, after receiving testimony from Rear Adm. Lowell E. Jacoby, USN, Director of Naval Intelligence; Adm. Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN, Commander, Submarine Force Atlantic Fleet; and Rear Adm. Malcolm I. Fages, USN, Director, Submarine Warfare.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense, focusing on land withdrawals and environmental programs, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Sherri W. Goodman, Deputy Under

Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security; Elsie Munsell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Environment and Safety; Raymond J. Fatz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health; Thomas W. McCall, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health; Sylvia V. Baca, Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, and Donald J. Barry, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, both of the Department of the Interior; Maj. Gen. Dennis D. Cavin, USA, Commanding General, Fort Bliss, Texas; Rear Adm. Timothy R. Beard, USN, Commander, Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center, Fallon Naval Air Station; Maj. Gen. Robert Magnus, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat West; Brig. Gen. John L. Barry, USAF, Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Arizona; and Col. Anthony M. Coroalles, USA, Alaska Garrison Commander.

INTERNET ACCESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine how to facilitate the deployment of faster, high-speed Internet access services and how to ensure that these benefits are extended to all American consumers, and on proposed legislation to prevent the Federal Communications Commission from regulating or taxing Internet services, receiving testimony from Charles M. Brewer, MindSpring Enterprises, Inc., and James O. Robbins, Cox Communications, Inc., both of Atlanta, Georgia; Steve Case, America Online, Inc., Dulles, Virginia; William L. Schrader, PSINet, Inc., Herndon, Virginia; and Solomon D. Trujillo, U S West Communications, Inc., Denver, Colorado.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

CHINA APPLICATION TO WTO

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on issues related to China's application for accession to the World Trade Organization, focusing on agriculture, industrial goods, services, protocol, Pacific security, and human rights, receiving testimony from Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NAFTA REVIEW

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on a five year review of the effects of the North American Free Trade Agreement on United States jobs, wage rates, and industry, after receiving testimony from Richard W. Fisher, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative; Charles W. McMillion, MBG Information Services, and Patrick J. Buchanan, both of Washington, D.C.; and Vontella Dabbs, Catawba

Plant of Delta Mills Marketing Company, Maiden, North Carolina.

ANTITRUST MERGER REVIEW ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded hearings on S. 467, to restate and improve section 7A of the Clayton Act, which would impose time limits on the Federal Communications Commission review of mergers, after receiving testimony from Ronald J. Binz, Competition Policy Institute, H. Russell Frisby, Jr., Competitive Telecommunications Association, and Roy M. Neel, United States Telephone Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Richard Weening, Cumulus Media, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

OSHA REFORM: SAFE ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training concluded hearings on S. 385, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to further improve the safety and health of working environments, and other related OSHA reform issues, after receiving testimony from Ron Hayes, Fight Project, Fairhope, Alabama; Joanne Royce, Government Accountability Project, Washington, D.C.; William F. Alcarese, Baltimore, Maryland; and Charles LeCroy, Tallahassee, Florida.

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION FORCE REDUCTION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the reduction in force in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veteran Affairs, after receiving testimony from Kenneth W. Kizer, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health.

MEDICARE MANAGED CARE MARKETING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the reliability of Medicare managed care plan information and the adequacy of the Health Care Financing Administration's review of that information, and whether the Medicare managed care appeals process adequately protects beneficiaries' rights, after receiving testimony from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Carol Cronin, Director, Center for Beneficiary Services, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Julie Schoen, Health Insurance Advocacy Program of Orange County, Santa Ana, California, on behalf of the California Health Advocates; Chris Mulholland, III, Marietta, Georgia, former Manager, Managed Care

Branch Manager (Atlanta Regional Office), Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; William L. Stringer,

Beavercreek, Ohio; and Lois D. Watts, Laguna Hills, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 1376–1396; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 84, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 208, to amend title 5, United States Code, to allow for the contribution of certain rollover distributions to accounts in the Thrift Savings Plan, to eliminate certain waiting-period requirements for participating in the Thrift Savings Plan, amended (H. Rept. 106–87);

H.R. 928, to require that the 2000 decennial census include either a general or targeted follow up mailing of census questionnaires, whichever, in the judgment of the secretary of Commerce, will be more effective in securing the return of census information from the greatest number of households possible (H. Rept. 106–88);

H.R. 1009, to authorize the awarding of grants to cities, counties, tribal organizations, and certain other entities for the purpose of improving public participation in the 2000 decennial census (H. Rept. 106–89);

H.R. 1376, to extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas, amended (H. Rept. 106–90);

Conference Report on H. Con. Res. 68, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009 (H. Rept. 106–91);

H. Res. 137, waiving points of order against consideration of the conference report to accompany H. Con. Res. 68, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009 (H. Rept. 106–92);

H. Res. 138, providing for consideration of H.R. 472, to amend title 13, United States Code, to require the use of postcensus local review as part of each decennial census (H. Rept. 106–93; and

H. Res. 139, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 37, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations (H. Rept. 106–94).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Mica to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:11 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Registration and Protection of Trademarks: H.R. 769, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to provide for the registration and protection of trademarks used in commerce, in order to carry out provisions of certain international conventions;

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Technical Corrections to Copyright Act: H.R. 1189, amended, to make technical corrections in title 17, United States Code;

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Democratic Elections in the Republic of El Salvador: H. Res. 110, congratulating the Government and the people of the Republic of El Salvador on successfully completing free and democratic elections on March 7, 1999;

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National Medal for Public Safety Officers: H.R. 46, to provide for a national medal for public safety officers who act with extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty (passed by a ye and nay vote of 412 yeas with 2 nays, Roll No. 81); and

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Elections in the State of Qatar: H. Con. Res. 35, congratulating the State of Qatar and its citizens for their commitment to democratic ideals and women's suffrage on the occasion of Qatar's historic elections of a central municipal council on March 8, 1999 (passed by a ye and nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay," Roll No. 82).

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Microenterprise Program in Developing Countries: The House passed H.R. 1143, to establish a program to provide assistance for programs of credit and other financial services for microenterprises in developing countries by a voice vote.

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